

What is claimed is:

1. A liquid crystal display, comprising:
a pair of substrates provided opposite to each other;
a liquid crystal sealed between the substrates;
a light-shielding film formed like grids on one of the substrates;

a plurality of pixel regions defined by the light-shielding film; and

a pillar spacer provided such that a region having an alignment defect of the liquid crystal is formed across adjoining ones of the pixel regions when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the substrate.

2. A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that parts of the region having an alignment defect formed respectively in the adjoining pixel regions are substantially equal to each other in surface area.

3. A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the pillar spacer is formed on the light-shielding film and provided such that it protrudes from the light-shielding film into the adjoining pixel regions when viewed in the direction perpendicular to the surface of the substrate.

4. A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein the one of the substrates has color filter layers in a plurality of colors formed in the pixel regions and wherein the pillar

spacer is provided such that it protrudes into the adjoining pixel regions in which the color filter layers are formed in different colors.

5. A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein the one of the substrates has color filter layers in a plurality of colors formed in the pixel regions and wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that it protrudes into the adjoining pixel regions in which the color filter layers are formed in the same color.

6. A liquid crystal display according to claim 5, wherein the same color is blue.

7. A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the one of the substrate has a thin film transistor formed in each of the pixel regions.

8. A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, further comprising an alignment film formed on the pillar spacer and rubbed in a predetermined rubbing direction, wherein the pillar spacer is provided in a position that is biased in the direction opposite to the rubbing direction from the an intersection of the light-shielding film.

9. A substrate for a liquid crystal display, comprising:
a light-shielding film formed like grids on a base substrate;

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a plurality of pixel regions defined by the light-shielding film; and

a pillar spacer which is formed on the light-shielding film and provided such that it protrudes from the light shielding film into adjoining ones of the pixel regions when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the base substrate.